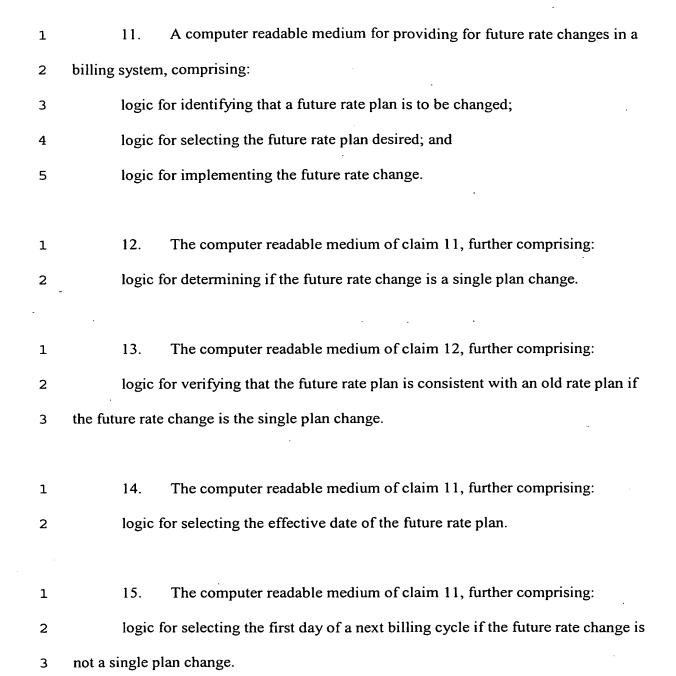
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A system for providing for future rate changes in a billing system,
2	comprising	:
3	mea	ns for identifying that a future rate plan is to be changed;
4	mea	ns for selecting the future rate plan desired; and
5	mea	ans for implementing the future rate change.
1	2.	The system of claim 1, further comprising:
2	mea	ans for determining if the future rate change is a single plan change.
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1	3.	The system of claim 2, further comprising:
2	mea	ns for verifying that the future rate plan is consistent with an old rate plan if
3	the future rate change is the single plan change.	
1	4.	The system of claim 3, further comprising:
2	mea	ans for selecting the effective date of the future rate plan.
1	5.	The system of claim 4, further comprising:
2	mea	ans for selecting the first day of a next billing cycle if the future rate change
3	is not a single plan change.	

1	6. A method for providing for future rate changes in a billing system, said		
2	method comprising the steps of:		
3	identifying that a future rate plan is to be changed;		
4	selecting the future rate plan desired; and		
5	implementing the future rate change.		
1	7. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:		
2	determining if the future rate change is a single plan change.		
1	8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:		
2	verifying that the future rate plan is consistent with an old rate plan if the future		
3	rate change is the single plan change.		
1	9. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:		
2	selecting the effective date of the future rate plan.		
1	10. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:		
2	selecting the first day of a next billing cycle if the future rate change is not a		
3	single plan change.		



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1	76. A system for providing for future rate changes in a offing system,		
2	comprising:		
3	an identifier that identifies that a future rate plan is to be changed;		
4	a selector that enables a user to select the future rate plan desired; and		
5	a processor that implements the future rate change.		
1	17. The system of claim 16, further comprising:		
2	a determiner that determines if the future rate change is a single plan change.		
1	18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:		
2	a validator that validates that the future rate plan is consistent with an old rate		
. 3	plan if the future rate change is the single plan change.		
1	19. The system of claim 16, wherein the selector is configured to enable a		
2	user to select the effective date of the future rate plan.		
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1	20. The system of claim 16, wherein the selector is configured to select the		

first day of a next billing cycle if the future rate change is not a single plan change.